

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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August 12, 2003

**FROM:** MARK H. UFFER, Director  
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center

**SUBJECT:** AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC  
MEDICINE

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve affiliation agreement with New York College of Osteopathic Medicine for students enrolled in medicine programs to obtain clinical experience at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for the period August 12, 2003 through August 11, 2004, with automatic annual renewals.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** This agenda item recommends approval of a new affiliation agreement between the Medical Center and New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, for the clinical training of the College's medicine students.

A key component of the Medical Center's mission is to provide education to students in a variety of disciplines. The Medical Center has a number of agreements with universities and colleges, junior colleges, and technical and trade schools through which it provides on-site clinical training for students. This clinical training is necessary for students to obtain their degree, license and/or certification.

Each year the Medical Center signs agreements with postgraduate medical students (resident physicians) for the period of one year. These residents are essential to the Medical Center's mission and vision as they provide clinical care services to the patients. To recruit high caliber residents, it is necessary to enter into affiliation agreements, thereby exposing medical students to the Medical Center's state-of-the-art facility and services. Providing clinical experience to medical students through affiliation agreements has been shown to be an effective way to recruit potential residents.

This is a new agreement, which will allow the Medical Center to provide clinical training for New York College of Osteopathic Medicine students enrolled in medicine programs. However, this agreement may be terminated, with or without cause, by either party after giving the other party ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on July 8, 2003 and HSS Administration (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on July 30, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There is no exchange of money in this agreement; therefore it imposes no local cost to the County.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval since this agreement imposes no local County costs.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Mark H. Uffer, Director, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, 580-6150

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